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REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner considers the amendments and remarks outlined herein, and allow the claims currently pending in this application.

- 5 The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his allowance of the subject matter of Claims 2-5, 8, 9, 11-15 18, 19, and 21-25.

Claim Amendments

- 10 Claim 1 has been amended to clarify what the Applicant regards as his invention and to correct typographical errors. The scope of Claim 1 remains unchanged.

Claim 10 has been amended to recite "computerized" before the term "method" in the preamble to clarify that the method is computerized. The scope of Claim 10 remains unchanged.

- 15 Claims 11-15 and 17 have been amended to reflect the change in the preamble of Claim 10. The scope of each of Claims 11-15 and 17 remains unchanged.

Claim 16 has been amended to reflect the change in the preamble of Claim 10 and to correct a typographical error. The scope of Claim 16 remains unchanged.

- 20 Claims 18 and 19 have been amended to reflect the change in the preamble of Claim 10 and to correct a typographical error. The scope of each of Claims 18 and 19 remains unchanged.

Claim 20 has been amended to recite "computerized" before the term "method" in the preamble to clarify that the method is computerized. The scope of Claim 20 remains unchanged.

- 25 Claims 21-25 have been amended to reflect the change in the preamble of Claim 20. The scope of each of Claims 21-25 remains unchanged.

Claims 26-28 have been amended to reflect the change in the preamble of Claim 20 and to correct typographical errors. The scope of each of Claims 26-28 remains unchanged.

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